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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY ON THE WEST BANK

REF: (A) 76 JERUSALEM 1660 (B) JERUSALEM 430

1. THE ISRAELIS ARE REPORTEDLY CONSTRUCTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF SMALL CITY IN THE JORDAN VALLEY JUST OFF THE VALLEY ROAD ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE WAY FROM JERICHO TO BET SHE'AN. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE PALESTINIAN SOURCE WHO WORKS IN THE VALLEY ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WHO HAS TALKED WITH ARAB WORKMEN AT THE SITE, ROADS AND PIPES HAVE BEEN LAID FOR AN URBAN CENTER TO INCLUDE UP TO 5,000 SETTLERS. THE CITY WILL BE NAMED JORDAN VALLEY CITY (MADINAT AL-AGHWAR). THE SITE, NEAR THE JIFTLIK INTERSECTION (AOUBT 35 29 E., 32 05 N.) WAS FORMERLY THE LOCATION OF AN ARAB VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO LOCAL ARABS.

2. CITING ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS, AL QUDS OF MARCH 31 REPORTS
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THAT ISRAELIS PLAN TO ESTABLISH A "NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE" ON EXPROPRIATED LAND ON JEBEL RAS JUST ABOVE BEIT JALA. SEVERAL HUNDRED APARTMENTS ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY PLANNED. (REF A) ALSO, AL QUDS REPORTS THAT THE GUSH EMUNIM WILL TRY TO SETTLE, DURING THEIR ANNUAL PASSOVER MARCH APRIL 5, AT ABU KARNAYN AOUBT 12 KM EAST OF QALQILYA NEAR THE QALQILYA-NABLUS ROAD WHICH IS IN THE VICINITY OF THEIR UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT AT QADDUM.

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3. COMMENT: IF IMPLEMENTED AS REPORTED, THE JORDAN VALLEY CITY WOULD CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT ELABORATION OF THE ALLON PLAN AS SUCH A PRESENCE CLEARLY WOULD EXCEED ANY DEFENSIVE NEED. SINCE JERICHO, WITH ABOUT 11,000 INHABITANTS, IS THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT ARAB CENTER IN THE VALLEY, THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTER OF THE REGION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED. ALREADY THE ISRAELIS CONTROL AN ESTIMATED 80 PER CENT OF THE LAND NORTH OF THE VILLAGE OF 'AUJA. SETTLEMENTS AT JEBEL RAS AND ABU KARNAYN WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT GEOGRAPHIC DIVERGENCES FROM THE ALLON PLAN AND WOULD INVOLVE SETTLEING ISRAELIS IN WELL POPULATED ARAB REGIONS. ALTHOUGH GOI HAS NOT PREVENTED GUSH EMUNIM FROM CONSOLIDATING THEIR UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT AT QADDUM, THE IDF DID BLOCK AN UNAUTHORIZED ATTEMPT TO SETTLE NEAR JERICHO IN AUGUST, 1976 AND HAS DELAYED SETTLEMENT AT MESHAH. OTHER CURRENT SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY DETAILED IN REF B.
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